

Bringing the County Closer to You!

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Public Forum on County Executive Leggett's Proposed Operating Budget for Next Year

Monday, January 29 7:00pm-8:30pm BlackRock Center for the Arts 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

(this serves as Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board's regular meeting)

The public is encouraged to attend and offer comments.

Inclement Weather Policy for Boards, Committees and Commissions:

If Montgomery County Public Schools open late, BCC morning meetings are cancelled; if schools close early, or if afternoon or evening activities are cancelled, BCC afternoon and evening meetings are cancelled; if schools are closed all day, all BCC meetings for that day and evening will be cancelled.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Women's Legislative Briefing Sunday, January 28 Universities of Shady Grove, Building II 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and other officials will speak at this premier, annual event. More than 700 people are expected, including students in grades 6-12, to learn about issues and discuss them with legislators. Preregister online, or visit montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw. For more information, call 240-777-8333.

Montgomery County Councilmember Nancy Floreen will be inducted into the Montgomery County Commission for Women's Hall of Fame at this year's event.

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press Detail.aspx?Item ID=21794

Planning Board Holding Public Hearing in Germantown on Draft MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan!

Thursday, February 1 7:00pm BlackRock Center for the Arts 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

It focuses on the areas around the Germantown and Boyds MARC train stations!

The Montgomery Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on a Draft of the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan. The Plan makes recommendations for land use and zoning within the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan area, as well as recommendations intended to improve overall circulation, pedestrian connections and the network of bikeways for: a) approximately 252 acres in Boyds generally surrounding the MARC station and the intersection of Clarksburg and Clopper Roads; and b) the 290 acres in Germantown generally bounded by Middlebrook Road, Great Seneca Highway, Dawson Farm Road, Germantown Road and Waters Road.

The plan will amend the Approved and Adopted 1989 Germantown Master Plan, as amended, and the 2009 Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan. See the Plan at http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-3/marc-rail-communities/

Montgomery County Public Libraries Offers a Series of Programs to Commemorate Black History Month

Montgomery County Public Libraries will celebrate Black History Month with special programs. The free events, suitable for all ages, will take place at the various branches. For the complete schedule, visit http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press Detail.aspx?ltem ID=21793

MCPD Asks for Your Participation in a Community Survey

The Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) is always looking for ways to strengthen its partnership with the community and to identify and resolve issues that impact public safety. A University of Maryland (UMD) student has developed a police and crime-related survey for a UMD Policy Engagement class project. The department's Planning Division is supporting that effort and encourages as many community members as possible to take the survey.

It is anonymous and will only take a few minutes to record your opinions about the MCPD, as well as crime and public safety in our County's neighborhoods. Understanding community views of the police is important to ensure the department is operating with the most appropriate enforcement and social service responses.

Learn more about the project and access the survey, available in both English and Spanish, at: Survey.

Your participation in completing this important survey is very much appreciated. The survey will be available until March 2, 2018.

Leggett Seeks Applicants for Advisory Committees

Please Note that the BCC Application Process is Online!!!

You may access vacancy announcements for boards, committees, and commissions through the following link: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/index.html. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members of these boards must complete training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act and basic parliamentary procedure. Members are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Leggett's appointments are generally subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of individuals selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

Rustic Roads Advisory Committee - Applications are Due February 7

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill three vacancies on the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee: for one member who represents a civic association outside the Agricultural Reserve where there are rustic roads; one member who knows rural preservation techniques through practical experience and training; and one owner/operator of commercial farmland (earning 50 percent or more of their income from farming). All members must be Montgomery County residents. The Rustic Roads Advisory Committee promotes public awareness of the Rustic Roads Program, and reviews and comments on: the classification of rustic roads, development proposals that affect rustic roads, and executive regulations and policies that may affect the Program. Read more and apply online.

Agricultural Advisory Committee - Applications are Due February 7

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill eight vacancies on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Five positions are for bona fide farmers selected to represent the total farm community, and three positions are to be filled by non-farmers. Two farmer and two non-farmer incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment. The 15-member committee advises the County Executive and County Council on all matters affecting agriculture in the County. Membership includes farmers, non-farmers, and at least one farm economist and one conservationist. Farmer representatives serve three-year terms and non-farmer members serve one-year terms. Members serve without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month in Germantown.

Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group - Applications are Due February 7

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill four vacancies on the Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group for representatives of the affected Upcounty community. The purpose of this Group is to address community and environmental issues and concerns pertaining to the County's solid waste facilities located in the Dickerson area. These facilities include the Resource Recovery Facility, the Yard Trim Composting Facility, properties originally purchased for the Site 2 landfill, and property associated with the Linden Farm (formerly called the Matthews Farm). The 18-member Group has 12 voting members, including representatives of Sugarloaf Citizens Association, For a Rural Montgomery (FARM), representatives from the towns of Poolesville and Barnesville, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, and six representatives of the affected community. Six nonvoting members include representatives of the Operator of the Resource Recovery Facility, the Operator of the Montgomery County Compost Facility, the Operator of the Dickerson GenOn (now NRG Energy), the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Members serve three-year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held at least quarterly at 7:30 PM at 20900 Martinsburg Road in Dickerson.

Permitting Services Advisory Committee – *Applications are due February 12*

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill six vacancies on the Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee for two active members of civic organizations in the County, two active members of environmental organizations in the County, and two individuals active in land development or a related profession. The Committee is composed of 17 members, including non-voting representatives of the Departments of Environmental Protection, Housing and Community Affairs. Transportation, and representatives of the Fire Chief, the Planning Board, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and each of the County's five regional service center advisory boards. The Department of Permitting Services is responsible for ensuring public safety through the enforcement of construction and zoning codes and standards. This is accomplished through engineering plan review and construction inspections related to the administration and enforcement of building, structural, electrical, mechanical, fire-safety, energy conservation, and accessibility codes and standards. In addition, the Department is responsible for enforcement of site plans and of the County's Zoning Ordinance. The Department of Permitting Services is responsible for the protection of the County's water resources and the safety of residents through its engineering and inspection functions related to storm water management, sediment control, floodplain management, well-and-septic systems approval, storm drain design, and work in the public right-of-way. The Department also conducts public outreach on these matters. The Committee must advise the Department on performance of its functions and recommend to the Director, the Executive, and the Council any steps necessary to improve performance. Members serve three-year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings 5-6 times per year from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM in Rockville.

Please share this notice with anyone who may be interested.



County Executive Ike Leggett Unveils Capital Improvements Program

This week, County Executive Ike Leggett released his recommended FY19 <u>Capital Budget</u> and six-year FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) – his final Capital Budget as County Executive. Leggett also took the opportunity to highlight the substantial progress made over his 12 years in opening and renovating new County facilities of all types, adding more than 21,000 classroom seats in public schools, opening a record number of new fire stations, and expanding Montgomery College – as well as adding more funding for such "back to basics" as road repaving and maintenance, clean energy buses, and snow removal apparatuses.

- Watch YouTube Video NEW
- Press Release
- Highlights from the County Executive's 12 Years of Building (pdf)
- 2019 Recommended Capital Budget

Do You Know About Connect-A-Ride? or Ride Smart?

Connect-A-Ride is a free information and referral service of transportation options for seniors and disabled adults in Montgomery County. They also offer **Ride Smart**, a free public transit travel training workshop for ages 50+. For more information call 301-738-3252 or email ConnectARide@AccessJCA.org, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Matching Mini Grants Still Available for Neighborhood Events & Projects!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Mini Grant Fund was established by Montgomery County to assist and encourage neighborhood organizations, clubs, tenant associations, etc. in their community capacity building and networking efforts, and to stimulate the local economy. The fund is administered by the five Regional Services Centers, and may be used to hold community/neighborhood events and activities. Some examples that have been funded include a neighborhood movie series, an afterschool homework club, a spring break camp, signage and landscaping for a neighborhood entrance, and others.

The maximum grant amount is \$1,000 per year per organization/group. Each grant must be matched dollar for dollar with cash or in-kind donations, and the event must take place by June 30, 2018. Applying is easy! **Download the PDF** application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form. *See the application for more details and instructions.*

For more information or if you have questions, please contact:

Catherine Matthews, Upcounty Regional Director catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov (office) 240-777-8040

Montgomery County Recreation Hosting Summer Job Fair Saturday, February 17 12:00n-3:00pm East County Community Recreation Center 3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring

The event will showcase dozens of summer employment opportunities, including many for Montgomery County teens. Interested applicants should bring their resumes and be prepared for speed interviews. Available positions include lifeguards, TeenWorks and summer camp staff. The part-time/seasonal pay is competitive at \$11.50 an hour, and it increases based on experience.

Lifeguards are needed year-round at four indoor aquatic centers and during the summer at seven outdoor pools. Applicants must be at least 15 years old, demonstrate Red Cross Level 4 or equivalent level of swimming, and possess a valid lifeguard certificate from the American Red Cross or Y.M.C.A.

TeenWorks is a support position where teens are placed in meaningful work roles, which allow them to develop critical and marketable skills. This employment position encompasses several different opportunities in various locations throughout Montgomery County. Available opportunities include special events, marketing and outreach, summer and after school programs, and apprenticeships within other County government agencies and partnering organizations. Examples of duties may include special event support staff, general grounds maintenance, landscaping and beautification, Conservation Jobs Corps, customer service support, clerical support, marketing and outreach team, stocking materials and more. Applicants must be Montgomery County high school students aged 14 and older.

Summer Camp staff positions includes camp counselors and directors. Counselors must be at least 15 years of age while directors must be 21 or older. Summer camp staff are responsible for planning and implementing summer camp programs throughout the County.

As a condition of employment, all applicants will be required to successfully pass a criminal background investigation. This investigation will include a State, Federal and sexual offender background check.

The summer job fair is taking place at the same time as the Department of Recreation's <u>summer camp fair</u>, which is designed to showcase the wide variety of specialized summer camps offered including arts, aquatics, cooking, dance, music, nature, sports and technology.

Health Officials Remind Residents About Flu Prevention; Urge All to Receive Flu Shots

Montgomery County health officials are reminding residents to help prevent the flu by getting a flu shot and by following key health habits.

In addition to getting a flu shot, there are several ways to lower the chance of getting the flu:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from
 infecting them.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessities.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

To find a location to get a flu shot, go to https://vaccinefinder.org.

We Invite You to Attend

FOURTH ANNUAL EDUCATION BUDGET MEETING

Presented by:

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice
Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith, MCPS
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President of Montgomery College

How are budget decisions made?

What is the county doing today to get ready for FY19 and beyond? What opportunities do residents have to influence budget decisions?

The Education Budget Meeting will be held throughout the county.

Dates and Locations:

February 21st: Damascus High School, Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:30 PM

25921 Ridge Road, Damascus

February 28th: Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, (Theater Arts Building),

6:30- 8:30 PM 51 Mannakee St. Rockville, MD 20850

March 7th: John F. Kennedy High School, Cafeteria 6:30-8:30PM

1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD

March 14th: Robert Frost Middle School, Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:30 PM

9201 Scott Drive, Rockville, MD

March 19th: White Oak Middle School, Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:30PM

12201 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring

For further information, please contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov



Free Tax Preparation Services

Community Action's VITA Program is now scheduling appointments for 2017 taxes. Appointments available in various locations for County residents earning \$54,000 or less. Please click <u>HERE</u> or call 240-777-1123.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news-releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp

Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html

Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp

Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx

Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org

Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html

Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html

Parks Department http://www.montgomeryparks.org

Planning Department http://montgomeryplanning.org